

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

September 13, 2022

Hybrid, in person and via Zoom

Attendees

In person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Curt Smith	KM6HFT

Via Zoom:

Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
David Naisurler	KN6BVF
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Don Simon	NI6A
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Todd Teachout	W8BIK
Steph Fries	

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

New business

- [Review of patch box parts list](#), approval/discussion and budget authorization for installs
- San Jose STEM/ham event jrmf.org, Sat. Oct. 15th

- provide remote contacts?
- In-person hands-on digital training
 - tentatively Sat. Sept. 24, at KCC, time TBD

Old business

- Calendar of Events / 25th Anniversary
 - Fall SET, Sat. Oct. 8, 1000-1200
- Grant working group
- MOU follow-up with new Chief
- Donor recognition
- QSL card

Outreach/PR/web

- SET outreach
 - Invite/inform neighboring emcomm groups

Tech./Infrastructure

- Equipment maintenance team report
- New antenna/s and patch box/s
 - install, as possible, before Fall SET

Elmering

- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

Training and Operations

- Preparation and Training for Fall SET, Oct. 8, 1000-1200

Adjourn

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the August membership meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of the ARRL Section Manager's talk on mutual aid.

Treasurer's report: Two new family memberships and two new individual members paid dues, no other transactions.

Business session

New business/Calendar of events

ARRL club affiliation

- Our club affiliation needs to be renewed.
- For the renewal we need to know how many KE members are ARRL members.

Mutual aid talk

- ARRL section leader Dan Goldstien will give a talk on mutual aid.
- The talk will be recorded and available for viewing later.
- We need to let our ARRL section know what we can provide. If we show up at a disaster unknown our services may not be able to be used.
- ARES operators are classified as level 1, 2, or 3. We should know our own level so we can be used appropriately.

San Jose math festival

- A table for the club would cost \$500.
- Frans KJ6IUV offered our remote radio participation but has heard nothing back.

Antenna/patchbox installation

- A list of required parts has now been made, the cost will be about \$560 per installation. Comments are welcome.
- Canyon Trail Park and Castro Park are the most likely first installation locations.
- A 2M and separate 70cm/GMRS, or possibly 220MHz, antenna and separate coax will be needed because operation on 2M and GMRS cannot be handled by a single operator at the same time.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve up to \$600 per antenna installation, up to 3 locations.

In person digital mode workshop

- The purpose will be to provide help with fldigi software installation and demo simple examples of fldigi messaging.
- A possible date is Sep. 25 at the KCC.

Old business

Fall SET

- The date for the fall SET is OCT. 8.
- We hope to get participation from members in addition to the usual SET attendees. We could invite EBARC members to participate.
- FRS/GMRS participation is encouraged but a single ham operator shouldn't feel compelled to handle both ham radio communication and FRS/GMRS messages at the same time. One alternative would be for a ham operator to check-out of the ham net for a half hour to handle FRS/GMRS messages.
- The EC City Hall EOC should be open for us for this SET.
- The SET could be a good opportunity to introduce ourselves to the new fire chief.

MOU

- We are still waiting for the new fire chief to sign the MOU.

Grant application

- The grant committee has not yet followed up on preparing a grant proposal for the ARRL grant offerings in September.

Technical/Infrastructure

- Michael AJ6RZ reported using a VNA to test antennas SWR over a range of frequencies.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.